

What is annexation?

Annexation is the process by which the City extends its municipal services, laws, taxing authority, and voting privileges to a new territory.

Annexation encourages orderly growth and provides standardized service to all citizens. It also promotes fairness by requiring that those who use the services provided by the City share in the costs of operating the City.

What are the benefits of annexation?

The three major benefits of being annexed include basic services that will now be provided by the City of Franklin.

Police Coverage

Police coverage will begin on the effective date of annexation. The Franklin Police Department is a CALEA-accredited department and was recently named a CALEA Flagship agency to serve as an example for law enforcement agencies around the country. Currently the City's ratio of police officers to citizens is among the highest in the country, which ensures a high level of safety for our citizens.

Fire and Emergency Response

On the effective date of the annexation, annexed areas will be covered by the City's Fire Department. Our Fire Department is comprised of certified first responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, and paramedics. They not only respond to all fire calls within the city limits, they also respond to medical calls, vehicular accidents, hazardous material spills, and specialized rescue, such as water rescue or trench collapse. Also, a home or business owner will see a decrease in the cost of hazard insurance as a result of the ISO (Insurance Service

Organization) rating that the Franklin Fire Department carries (currently ISO 3).

Trash Collection

The City currently provides its citizens with weekly curbside trash collection at a cost of only \$3.50 per month (per container). The City also provides curbside leaf collection during the Fall.

How will my property taxes change?

The year of annexation will result in no change to property taxes or rates. City property taxes will become effective as of January 1st the year following annexation but the County property tax rate will be

reduced. Bills are mailed in October to the owner of record as of January 1 and are due February 28. New citizens are responsible for coordinating with their mortgage company to ensure the escrow reflects this change. Questions should be addressed to 615.791.3226.

What if I operate a business in the newly annexed area?

Business licenses are required for both the County and the City (even if it is a home-based business). Contact the Business Licensing office at 615.791.3225 to obtain a City license.

Will I get City garbage collection right away?

Curbside trash collection will begin within 60 to 90 days after annexation. Residential containers will be delivered before the annexation effective date. The containers cost \$75 each; this one-time charge will be included on the first monthly water bill after annexation becomes effective. When the container is delivered, a letter and brochure will be mailed that outlines the service and weekly pick-up information.

What about water and sewer?

Water service areas will not change because of annexation. Citizens will continue to receive water service and billing from their current provider.

If a property is currently serviced by the City sanitary sewer system, no changes would result from annexation.

If the property is serviced by an on-site septic system, it would remain until sewer is available. Once sewer is available, the City may require that the septic tank be decommissioned and the property connect to the public sanitary sewer system at the expense of the property owner.

Any extension of the City's sanitary sewer system would be in accordance with policy and procedures and would be paid for through a special assessment district established for this purpose or by new development.

Will my school district change?

Annexation has no effect on school district boundaries.

How do I obtain a building permit?

Building and Code inspection services will be provided by the City on the effective date of annexation. To contact the Codes Department, call 615.794.7012.

What is the stormwater fee and what does it cover?

The City charges a Stormwater management fee based on the amount of impervious (built-upon) area on a property. Higher levels of impervious area create greater amounts of stormwater runoff that the City is required to manage. This fee is used to improve water quality, manage drainage

infrastructure, minimize flood hazards, and educate the public about the importance of managing stormwater. For more information, visit the Stormwater Management website at www.franklin-gov.com/engineering/stormwater or call 615.791.3218.

Will the City manage my stormwater drainage system/drainage ditch?

The City will manage stormwater drainage if there is public runoff water in the ditch or other drainage way. "Public runoff" is any drainage from public roads or other public land areas. However, if the runoff originates solely from private property, the City can provide technical advice.

Street Maintenance

Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City of Franklin assumes responsibility for repair, sweeping and maintenance of all paved public streets within the annexed area. Street name and traffic regulation signs also will be maintained and/or installed where appropriate. Streets constructed after annexation will be in accordance with City standards and will incorporate thoroughfare routes and interconnectivity as shown or described in the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan.



For more information, go to www.franklin-gov.com/planning/public_notices.html



will then study whether the area should be annexed.

What is the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)?

Franklin's UGB was approved in September 2000. The City uses the UGB in determining annexations—it is intended that, eventually, all land that lies within Franklin's UGB will be annexed into the City.

What is the process for annexation?

The Planning Department will then draft an annexation ordinance for the property. A Plan of Service is also drafted. The annexation ordinance will be reviewed by the planning commission, which will recommend approval or disapproval to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Annexation ordinances require three readings by the Board and a public hearing held in conjunction with the second reading. The Plan of Service, which is a resolution, is also considered at the first reading.

At the time of annexation, the property will typically be zoned in accordance with City zoning regulations.



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